

Shrewsbury

March 16. 1865

My dear Sir

I am truly gratified to learn from your kind letter received yesterday that you have duly received my Lichens - and what is still more gratifying to me that you are satisfied with them.

I hope to be able from time to time to send you others which may be useful and acceptable.

I venture upon enclosing a long list of my Desiderata of American Lichens.

It is indeed a long one - but I have included all those both of North, Central & South America. If you can supply me with any of these I shall indeed be indebted. My collection of Lichens now a very large and valuable one, comprehending at least 15,000 specimens, I destine after my death to go to the National Herbarium at Kew. I am therefore desirous of making it as extensive and complete as possible, as it will be

of so much greater utility and value.

After you have done with the list may I ask you to take the trouble of transmitting it, with the enclosed letter to Mr. Tuckermann, in the hope that he may be induced to enter on an exchange. — and if you can add any recommendation it will no doubt have great influence with him.

I will not forget your wish as to the Carte de Visite.

I have just finished the examination of a large mass of Arctic American Lichens collected in 1826 by Sir John Richardson — on which a Paper will appear in the Linnean Society's Journal soon. There were some duplicates — a portion of which I have laid aside for your herbarium — and which I will send by some early opportunity to Triton or to you.

Sir J. R. in his letter says "When you write to Dr. Asa Gray do me the favour of giving him my kindest remembrances

I made his acquaintance nearly 40 years ago in London, and received kindness from him, at Harvard Coll. "

I had nearly forgotten to send you an extract from a letter from Dr. Wm. Nylander, (4 Villa St. Léonie, Plaisance, Paris)

"M. le prof Babington a pris une des collections Plantae Arcticae (phanerogames & fungues) de Pellman, grace a l'avis que vous lui avez transmis. Puisque vous êtes en rapports avec M. Asa Gray oserai-je vous prier de lui recommander l'acquisition d'un exemplaire de cette collection très rare, je serai bien aise de la voir représentée aussi en Amérique par au moins un exemplaire.

M. Babington m'écrit qu'il en est "much pleased". Vous savez le prix des Plantae Arcticae de Pellman 370 nos, est 150 francs."

And now, with all respects, believe me to remain, my dear Sir;

Yours ever sincerely

Willm. Allport Leighton